FALLEN SYNDICATE

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THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
STARE
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES

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HAAH.
HAAH.
HAH.
HAH.
GASP.
HAAH.
HAH.
...TCH.
HAAH.
HAH.
HAAH.
HE SURELY CAME HERE TO TAKE THIS THING FROM MY STOMACH.
...TCH
——THAT GUY SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT
HAAH.
HAH.
HIH.
SUCH UGLY RESIS-TANCE.
I HAVE TO GET AWAY
AM I JUST GOING TO LET HIM DO AS HE LIKES?
HAAH.
HAH.

THUD
ANYONE.
SOME-ONE.
—I WANT
TO BE SAVED.
—SAVE ME,
ANYONE.
SHIZU KAAA
SFX SPLASH
FROM THIS PLACE
SAVE ME
UHH..
—I DON'T WANT TO DIE.
UHH...
AGATO...
HIH.
SHIZU-KA...
EVEN IF I'M ALREADY DEAD,
I DON'T WANT TO BE DEAD

SHALL I SAVE YOU?
HOWEVER, MY SEAL ISN'T PERFECT.
I CAN ONLY RESTRAIN THAT THING IN YOUR STOMACH.
IT'S A LIVING THING WHICH CAN EXPERIENCE SENTIMENTS. AND AS IT SYMPATHIZES WITH OTHERS' NEGATIVE FEELINGS IT'LL GROW STRONGER.
SO FROM NOW ON, YOU MUSTN'T HAVE ANY SYMPATHY OR PITY FOR ANYONE
YOU HAVE TO TAKE ON THAT PAINFUL LIFESTYLE
EVEN SO,
I CAN SAVE YOU.

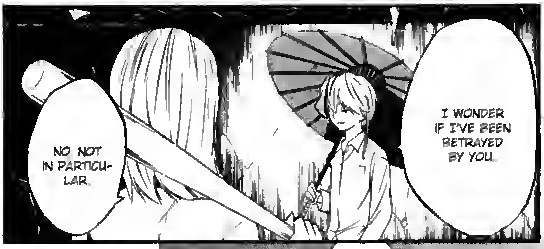
Flake Flake
SFX FLUTTER
—WELL THEN,
...EVEN IF YOU TELL ME THAT NOW
I'M ALREADY AWAKE
MAYU-SAN.
HURRY AND WAKE UP, ODAGIRI-KUN.

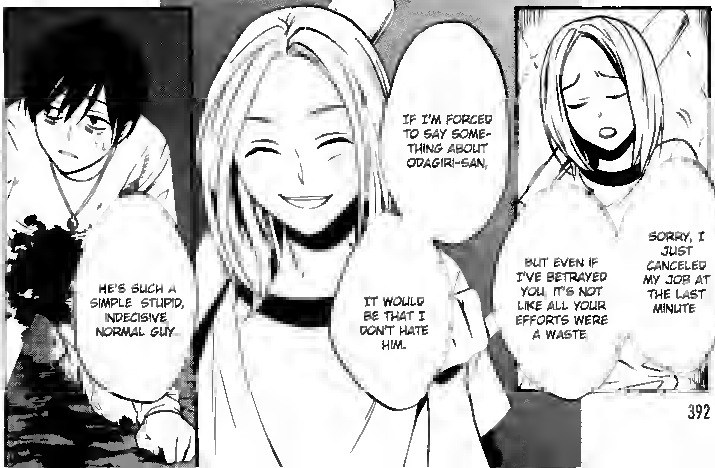
SFX. CREAK
—YOU'RE LATE, BIG BROTHER.
I CONNECTED WITH HIM.
SFX. BOOM
YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME AGAIN.
THUD
GUH
HM?

BLEURGH...
SPLAT TER
COUGH
COUGH
ODAGIRI...
COME TO THINK OF IT
BEFORE I DRAGGED YOU OUT OF THE DREAM,
YOU WERE ON THE VERGE OF DEATH, HUH?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU JUST THOUGHT OF THAT, RIGHT
MAYU-SAN...?

——TCH!!
SFX: RUSH
CLANG

SHIFT
UH
GUH
YUUSUKE...
CLATTER


I WONDER IF I'VE BEEN BETRAYED BY YOU.
NO. NOT IN PARTICULAR.


IF I'M FORCED TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT ODAGIRI-SAN,
HE'S SUCH A SIMPLE STUPID, INDECISIVE NORMAL GUY.
IT WOULD BE THAT I DON'T HATE HIM.
BUT EVEN IF I'VE BETRAYED YOU, IT'S NOT LIKE ALL YOUR EFFORTS WERE A WASTE.
SORRY, I JUST CANCELED MY JOB AT THE LAST MINUTE

BUT I WAS A LITTLE HAPPY WHEN HE CAME BACK TO THIS PLACE AFTER SO LONG.
THAT'S TRUE BIG BROTHER.
...ODA-GIRL
AS USUAL, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE WEIRD, PEOPLE STILL LIKE YOU
AT ANY RATE I SUPPOSE BECAUSE BOTH OUR SIDES HAVE GATHERED
IT'S BECOME AN EXTREMELY VEXING SITUATION.
THERE'S NO PLACE FOR A LIVING PERSON WHO'S SEEN HELL TO RUN TO
AND IT'S A LITTLE LONELY RIGHT?
IT'S NOT FAIR THAT I WAS LEFT ALL ALONE

THOUGH THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SIMPLER WAYS TO KILL ME
INSTEAD YOU MADE PLANS IN SECRET AND EVEN KILLED MY MOTHER
—HER MOTHER
THE REASON SHE WAS SUMMONED TO THE HEAD FAMILY'S PLACE
WAS IT MAYUZUMI'S MOTHER—?
DID YOU EXPECT ME TO REACT TO SUCH A THING?
YOUR METHODS ARE DULL
AND THAT'S WHY YOU DECIDED TO USE THAT UNSIGHTLY MAN, I SUPPOSE?
BECAUSE HE WANTED ME DEAD HE WOULD [illegible]Y KILL ME?
BUT THE ONE HE REALLY WANTS DEAD [illegible] YOU
SINCE THE FORMER MAYUZUMI AZAKA HAS BEEN MURDERED WE NOW MUST IMMEDIATELY DECIDE WHO WILL BE THE NEXT

SHE IS GOING TO BE THE NEXT MAYUZUMI AZAKA.
...THERE'RE NO OBJECTIONS?
SHOCK
I'M SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
!?
WHA... WHAT?!
WAIT JUST A MOMENT.
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON... AZAKA IS HERE...?
HMPH.
FAMILY HEAD
YOU HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE THIRD MAYUZUMI AZAKA UNTIL NOW. YOU MUST KNOW ALL ABOUT ME, RIGHT?
.....
I'M THE REAL MAYUZUMI AZAKA.

—TCH...
AZAKA-
SAMA...
SFX: RABBLE RABBLE
MORE THAN ANY OF THE OTHER GIRLS
I'M MOST SUITED TO BE AZAKA.
IT'S A GOOD THING I GOT HERE IN TIME...
IF YOU STILL THOUGHT THE CHOICE WAS INCORRECT, WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
IT'D BE A MISTAKE TO SUDDENLY GO AGAINST THE PREVIOUS AZAKA'S DECISION CONCERNING HER SUCCESSOR
PERHAPS YOU WERE TEMPTED BY THE PREVIOUS AZAKA WHO WAS SO ATTACHED TO HER POSITION?
HMPH.
IT WOULD BE ABSURD TO ALLOW ONE'S OWN DAUGHTER TO TAKE OVER THE NAME OF [illegible]
I AM MAYUZUMI AZAKA.
I'VE KNOWN THAT NAME BELONGED TO ME SINCE THE DAY I WAS BORN.

FROM THE MOMENT I WAS BORN
ANYONE ELSE THAT SAT IN THE POSITION OF AZAKA HAS BEEN A MISTAKE.
YOU'RE MISTAKEN.
AZAKA-SAMA...
AZAKA-SAMA...
AZAKA-SAMA...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE THAT THERE WERE TWO ADEQUATE GIRLS BORN TO SUCCEED THE NAME OF AZAKA.
—HOLD ON
COULD YOU TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES FOR ME?

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?
AZAKA-SAMA.
IT'S A BOY!
GRIP

IT'S OFTEN BEEN SAID THAT MY MOTHER WAS FORCED INTO THE POSITION OF AZAKA.
ALL THOSE YEARS YOU ENLISTED THE HELP OF OTHERS TO KILL ME WHILE GROWING ATTACHED TO AZAKA.
ALTHOUGH IT WAS ACTUALLY TOWARDS HIM INSTEAD, THAT'S RIGHT, ISN'T IT?

YOU HATED THAT HE WAS BEING PLAYED WITH BY SHIZUKA.
YOU DIDN'T WANT YOUR THINGS TO EVER BE PLAYED WITH AGAIN BY SOMEONE ELSE.
SO YOU TOOK THE INITIATIVE, GOT CLOSE TO THOSE TWO AND DESTROYED THEM.
THE POSITION OF AZAKA BEING STOLEN BY YOU IS THE [redacted] TRAUMA TO ME.

AT THAT TIME HE WAS PICKED UP BY ME.
IT SEEMS HE WAS PLAYED WITH AGAIN BY ME THOUGH
THE ODAGIRI WHO YOU WERE PLANNING TO PLAY AROUND WITH AND DESTROY BEFORE HE CHOOSE TO BE SNATCHED AWAY.
SNICKER
YOU HAD PLANNED TO KEEP HIM AWAY FROM ME AND PLUCK THE DEMON CONFINED IN HIS STOMACH OUT
THEN YOU COULD MANIPULATE SOME STRONG MAGIC AS YOU SAW FIT
.....
AND THEN HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAVE ME.
THE SAME AS WITH SHIZUKA.
AND HE WOULDN'T BELIEVE IN ME SO I WOULD DIE.
HOW IDIOTIC.
THAT'S THE SITUATION YOU WERE TRYING TO CREATE, RIGHT?

YOU ARE STUPID, BIG BROTHER.
SOMEONE LIKE YOU,
CAN'T POSSIBLY BECOME AZAKA, YOU KNOW?
.....
YOU'RE NO MORE THAN A VULGAR PERSON WHO'S CRAMMED YOUR FILTHY DESIRES INTO HIS STOMACH
—HUH?
!?
YUUS-UKE...!?
—KILL HER.

BA-
DUMP
Rumble Crumble
Rattle...
Crumble...
Kyah.
Kyah
MAMA.
PAPA.
Rumble... crumble...
Crumble... rattle...

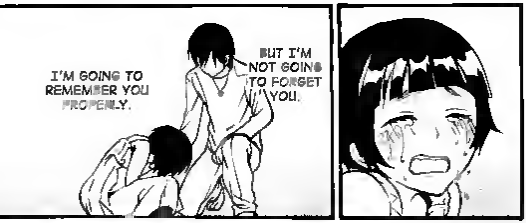
PAPA.
"I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THOSE TWO KIDS."
THIS IS MY
SON——?
AH
UU…
WAAAAAAH
HM?
Pull
UU——

—LIKA.
YOU ARE LIKA. LIKA.
Kyah
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?
...LIKA.
WOULD YOU MIND
SAVING DADDY?
SFX: SHATTER

UMP
Splatter
Splatter
CLAP
Ooh.
CLAP
I DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD ESCAPE FROM THERE.
I SEE. I SEE.
CLAP
AGATO...
Kyah Kyah
COULD IT BE THAT YOU'VE ACTUALLY ACCEPTED YOUR CHILD...?
THAT WAS THE PATH I EXPECTED YOU'D TAKE.

I CAN'T KILL AZAKA ON MY OWN.
—WELL THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, BIG BROTHER?
RIGHT NOW I HAVE ODAGIRI-KUN, WHO CAN USE HIS DEMON, ON MY SIDE.
AS WELL AS YUUSUKE-KUN, RIGHT?
Rustle
I AM AZAKA AND YOU ARE NOT.
NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU RUN YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO OVERTURN THAT ETERNAL TRUTH
AND NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU COME OUT IT'LL BE THE SAME.
—THAT'S NOT TRUE LITTLE SISTER.
WHEN I WAS BORN I WAS AZAKA.
THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT ME YET, BIG BROTHER.
THERE WASN'T EVEN A SECOND WHERE YOU WERE NATURALLY AZAKA.

FOOM
YES, ANOTHER TIME BIG BROTHER.
—WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT ANOTHER TIME, LITTLE SISTER.
THUD
ASATO...
TREMBLE
...A
TO...
GA
STAG GER
TREMBLE



WILL YOU
SAVE ME?

Drop

HUH...?
MAYU-SAN, WHERE'S LIKA...?
LIKA?
BUT, THAT CHILD RETURNED TO YOUR STOMACH
AS USUAL, HE'S INSIDE OF YOU
OH... YOU GAVE IT A NAME?
HM, I THINK THAT'S FINE A LIVING THING'S NAME IS WHAT DEFINES ITS EXISTENCE AFTER ALL

THE MONSTER MAY LOOK LIKE A CHILD BUT IT'S STILL JUST A MONSTER... RIGHT?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR A DEMON TO TAKE A HUMAN FORM.

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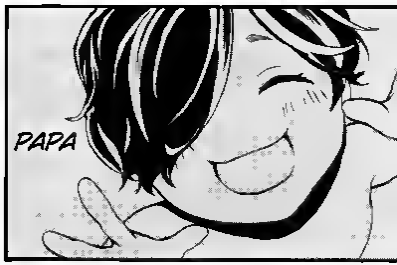
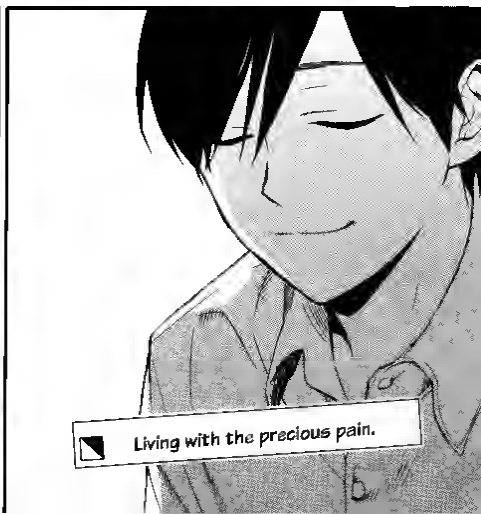

PAPA


Living with the precious pain.

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Note: Follen Syndicate is officially DROPPING B.A.D. (Beyond Another Dorkness) as of this chapter.

REASONS: (1) The series ended abruptly at Chapter 9 when the magazine it was running in, Altima Ace, was discontinued. (2) Chapter 7 seemed like a better place to stop, since it concludes the current arc, rather than stopping abruptly in the middle of the story. (3) We don't have raws for Chapter 9. :P

Thanks for following this series so far!